

**Amendments to the Specification are as follows:**

Before the first sentence on page 1 please insert the following paragraph.

This application claims the benefit of priority to Japanese Patent Application No. 2003-046286, herein incorporated by reference.

Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 6, line 5 and ending on page 6, line 8 as follows:

Accordingly, ~~embodiments~~~~it is an object~~ of the present invention to provide a force-applying input device which can apply a force which is similar to frictional force to a joystick operation section, and which provides a proper operational feel.